(d) if not, whether it would be done, if requested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The LTC facilities to Central Government employees were suspended as a part of expenditure management. There is no proposal under consideration to restore it.

Right to Information Bill

†985. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bill related to Right to Information to common citizen is pending for a long time;

(b) if so, when the decision was taken to pass the Bill; and

(c) whether Government would bring the said Bill for consideration and passing in the House during the present Monsoon session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) With a view to introducing greater transparency and openness in the functioning of Government and public bodies, Government had introduced the 'Freedom of Information Bill, 2000' in the Lok Sabha on 25th July, 2000. The Bill, as introduced in the Lok Sabha and pending therein, was referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs for examination and report thereon. The Standing Committee presented its Report to both the Houses of Parliament on 25th July, 2001. The recommendations made by the Committee in its Report have been examined and efforts are being made to bring up the Bill for consideration of the House at the earliest.

Corruption in Government Departments

†986. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.